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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) In a networked computer system for transmitting messages from a source to a destination, an apparatus for managing the delivery of messages to said destination, said apparatus comprising:

means for tracking and guaranteeing the delivery of said messages to said destination;

means for monitoring said tracking and guaranteeing means from a single web site;

means for archiving said messages.

2. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a database associated with said monitoring means for counting the number of messages delivered during a selected time period.

3. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said monitoring means comprises an XML application program interface.

4. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 further comprising means for conducting searches.

5. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein said monitoring means comprises a portal accessible via the Internet.

6. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein said monitoring means comprises:

a first server for receiving requests from a user via the Internet, said first server adapted to generate an XML message in response to said request;

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a second server adapted to receive said XML message and to perform a function responsive to said XML message; and

means coupled to said second server for communicating the results of said function to said user.

7. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein said monitoring means further comprises means for distributing XML messages to said delivery means via the Internet, said XML messages containing operating instructions for changing the operation of said delivery means.

8. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 6 further comprising a database associated with said monitoring means for counting the number of messages delivered during a selected time period.

9. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 6 further comprising means, associated with said monitoring means, for recovering at least one of said archived messages

10. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said monitoring means comprises an XML application program interface (API) further comprising:

means for receiving a request for a function;

means for building an XML message;

means for interpreting said XML message, said interpreting means adapted to perform the requested function and returning an XML message to said building means; and

means for applying a XSL style sheet to the received XML message and sending the generated output to the user.

11. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10 further comprising means for conducting searches.

12. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein said receiving means comprises a portal accessible via the Internet.

13. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein said monitoring means comprises:

a first server for receiving requests from a user via the Internet, said first server adapted to generate an XML message in response to said request;

a second server adapted to receive said XML message and to perform a function responsive to said XML message; and

means coupled to said second server for communicating the results of said function to said user.

14. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein said monitoring means further comprises means for distributing XML messages to said delivery means via the Internet, said XML messages containing operating instructions for changing the operation of said delivery means.

15. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a database associated with said monitoring means for counting the number of messages delivered during a selected time period.

16-30. (Canceled)